

line voltage V_{word} 325 will be at a voltage approaching that of the power supply voltage source V_{cc} . The voltage of the bit-lines V_{bit} 320 will again also be precharged to a voltage that is one half the power supply voltage source $V_{cc}/2$.

The n-MOS transistor M1 300 will be conducting and place the voltage V_c 605 of the storage capacitor C 305 at the base 420 of the pnp transistor Q1 310. The pnp transistor Q1 310 will be conducting the current I_{bit} 600 at the maximum available current level I_{max} . This level of the bit-lines current I_{bit} will be interpreted by the sense amplifier as the logical "0"

Refer now to FIGS. 7a, 7b, 7c, and 7d to understand the write operation of the DRAM cell. FIG. 7a shows the writing of a logical "1" to the DRAM cell. The voltage of the word line V_{word} 325 will be set to the power supply voltage source V_{cc} to activate the n-MOS transistor M1 300 to conduct. The voltage of the bit-lines V_{bit} 320 will be set to the level of the power supply voltage source V_{cc} . If the storage capacitor C 305 has been discharged to a level approaching 0 V, p/n junction of the emitter-base junction of the pnp transistor Q1 310 will be forward biased to charge the storage capacitor C 305 to the level approaching the power supply voltage source V_{cc} . If, however, the storage capacitor C 305 is already charged to the level of the power supply voltage source V_{cc} , there will be no response to the change.

The operation of reading a logical "1" and logical "0" and writing a "1" of the DRAM cell of this invention to this point is not different to that shown in the prior art. The writing of the logical "0" is different as described below.

Refer now to FIG. 7b to understand the writing of a logical "0" to the DRAM cell. The voltage of the word line V_{word} 325 is set to the power supply voltage source V_{cc} to activate the n-MOS transistor M1 300. The voltage of the bit-lines V_{bit} 320 is set to 0 V. As biased, the pnp transistor Q1 310 will be in a nonconductive state. If the storage capacitor C 305 is discharged to a level V_c 605 that is 0 V, the cell will have already been set to a logical "0" and no response is necessary. If however, the storage capacitor C 305 is charged to a voltage V_c 605 that is approaching the voltage level of the power supply voltage source V_{cc} , the bipolar pnp transistor Q1 310 will again be in a nonconductive state. To overcome the slow discharge of the storage capacitor C 305 due to leakage as in the prior art, a gate induced drain leakage (GIDL) current will cause the rapid discharge of the storage capacitor C 305.

Refer now to FIGS. 7c and 7d to understand the GIDL effect. The overlaps OV1 470 and OV2 475 of the gate over the n-base 420 and the p⁺ emitter 425 will allow electrons e⁻ to create a current at the surface of the p⁺ emitter 425 to flow to the n-base 420 through the channel 465 to discharge the storage capacitor C 315.

The field ϵ 710 created by the voltage at the word line V_{word} 325 will cause electrons to be generated at the interface of the p⁺ emitter 425 by band-to-band tunneling. The gate oxide 440 must be thin enough so that the vertical field ϵ 710 is large enough (>2 MeV/cm) to trigger the band-to-band tunneling. This will cause an enhanced junction leakage current to flow across the reversed biased diode of the p⁺ emitter 425 and the n-base 420. Or as shown in FIG. 7d, the electrons e⁻ 750 are generated from the valence band E_v 755 through conduction band E_c 760 through the depletion layer 715 on the p⁺ emitter 425 surface by band-to-band tunneling mechanism, they will flow in the n-base 420 and through the inverted channel 700 to the drain 435 of the n-MOS transistor M, 300 to discharge the storage capacitor C 305.

As can be seen by those skilled in the art, the reversal of the material types to use p-MOS transistors and an npn transistor with appropriate changes in biasing voltages is in keeping with the structure and operation of this invention.

While this invention has been particularly shown and described with reference to the preferred embodiments thereof, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes in form and details may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

The invention claimed is:

1. A DRAM cell fabricated within an array of DRAM cells upon a semiconductor substrate, comprising:

- a) a charge storage capacitor to store an electrical charge representing a bit of digital data, having a first plate and a second plate coupled to a substrate biasing voltage source;
- b) a MOS transistor having a gate coupled to a word line control to activate and deactivate said MOS transistor, a drain coupled to the first plate of said charge storage capacitor, and a source, whereby said gate is formed by: depositing, masking and etching of an insulating material upon said semiconductor substrate to form a gate oxide in an area between said drain and said source, and depositing masking and etching a conductive material such as polysilicon on said gate oxide to form said gate and;
- c) a bipolar transistor to amplify the electrical charge stored on said charge storage capacitor, having a base that functions as said source for said MOS transistor and is formed by the steps of: placing a first implant mask and implanting a first material of the first conductivity type adjacent to said gate oxide to form said base, whereby said implanting has a high energy and a large angle, a collector formed by a bulk material of said semiconductor substrate and coupled to a substrate biasing voltage source, and an emitter coupled to a bit-lines control which when activated will sense the charge amplified by said bipolar transistor and formed by the steps of: placing a second implant mask and implanting a second material of the second conductivity type within said first material of the first conductivity type and adjacent to said gate to form said emitter, whereby said implanting has a high dosage of said second material of the second conductivity type to ensure a large overlap of said gate of said emitter.

2. The DRAM cell of claim 1 whereby during forming of said bipolar transistors, the implanting to form said base has the high energy and the large angle to provide a large current gain.

3. The DRAM cell of claim 1 wherein during the forming of said bipolar transistor, the implanting to form the emitter has a high dosage of the second material of the second conductivity type to ensure a large overlap of said gate of said emitter.

4. The DRAM cell of claim 3 wherein said overlap of said gate of said emitter is to ensure generation of gate induced drain leakage current at a surface of said semiconductor wafer in the area of said overlap so as to provide a discharge of said storage capacitor during writing of a logical "0" to said storage capacitor.

5. The DRAM cell of claim 1 whereby during forming of said bipolar transistor, the implanting of the base is accomplished by implanting phosphorus P³¹ at a range of energy from approximately 50 Kev to approximately 100 Kev to a